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To whom it may concern:

I am baffled by the Microsoft settlement. As a computer professional, it is obvious that MS has exhibited vicious, anti-competitive behavior. In fact, this is no longer an opinion held by those of us in the field of technology, but a fact of law.

Consequently, it is bizarre that they be let of with a slap on the wrist and no substantial force to compel them to change business practices.

They have shown contempt for the consumer, contempt for competitors, and contempt for the legal process against them.

Like many in my profession, I have friends who were put out of business by MS. I have clients who have spent more money because of MS's contempt for quality software and basic security.

They don't make good software - they don't have to. They just have to force their competitors out of business with restrictive, unfair and illegal practices or by giving away free software.

And you are now telling them that it is OK to operate that way - that the consequences for illegal behavior are less expensive than competing fairly in the first place.

Please reconsider. Microsoft is a monopoly. Please don't let them think that statement depends on what the definition of "is" is.....

Thank you,

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